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TEMPERATURE PROFILE RADIOMETER (VTPR) DATA (04.01.00)

FOR SCICOUN

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. LAWRENCE R.
GREENWOOD, US CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ROCKET METEOROLOGY
SECTION OF THE US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON SPACE METEOROLOGY,
TO HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, DR. L.A. ALEKSANDROV,
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2. AUGUST 4, 1978 (04.01.00)

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DEAR DR. ALEKSANDROV:

REGARDING YOUR JULY 28 TELEX, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY NOAA THAT THE TRANSMITTAL OF VTNR RADIANCE DATA WAS INTERRUPTED

DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE REPROGRAMMING OF THE NOAA (NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTER) COMPUTERS IN PREPARATION FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE NEXT METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE, TIROS N. WE DID NOT HAVE ANY ADVANCE INDICATION OF THIS PROBLEM AND REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE IT MAY HAVE CAUSED YOU.

WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO TRANSMIT SOME VTNR DATA OVER THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR MONTHS UNTIL TIROS N BECOMES OPERATIONAL, BUT NOT ON A REGULAR BASIS BECAUSE OF THE COMPUTER AND PROGRAMMING LIMITATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE. REGRETFULLY, AFTER TIROS N BECOMES OPERATIONAL WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO RECORD VTNR DATA. TIROS N CARRIES NEW TYPES OF INSTRUMENTS WHICH WILL REQUIRE AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF LARGE SCALE RESEARCH TO VALIDATE THEIR DATA.

WE ARE REVIEWING THIS MATTER, ALONG WITH THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN YOUR EARLIER MESSAGE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSMITTING ROCOB AND OTHER DATA FASTER SO THAT THEY WOULD BE MORE OPERATIONALLY USEFUL, AND WILL BE IN TOUCH SHORTLY WITH OUR COMMENTS.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN MY MAY 5, 1978 LETTER CONCERNING OUR COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF UPPER AIR CHARTS AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY.

SINCERELY,

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